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How can the DOJ consider a lenient and vague settlement sufficient to make microsoft cease its illegal antritrust activities? With every subsequent edition of windows since the case was first filed microsoft has further strengthened its monopoly power with more and more bundlings and abused its power with increasingly arcane and restrictive licensing. The latest version of windows bundles a webbrowser, video and music player, firewall, and instant messenger. This is far worse monopolising than microsoft was found guilty of previously, and the trend looks set to continue. Recently leaked memos reveal the microsoft planned strategy of "embracing and extending" internet protocols to make competing software incompatible with them and so create an uphill struggle for competition to remain in the market. With microsoft's behaviour becoming worse and worse all the time, how can a slap on the wrist settlement possibly deter them? Their flagrant continued abuse of their power in complete disregard of the courts only shows that they know they can get away with anything simply by throwing enough money at lawyers and buying political favour with campaign donations. The lack of justice in this case is especially evident in the fact that a rich corporation found guilty can then negotiate a 'punishment' with the courts. Are convicted thieves afforded the same courtesy? No, they're convicted and they're punished. Why should there be such different conditions when a rich and powerful corporation is found guilty? Truly big business is above the law if the law must treat those it convicts with such diplomacy.

I sincerely hope that a reasonable solution can be found that doesn't involve the government and courts kowtowing to wherever the money is.

Sincerely, Adam Gregory